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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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CB - Converted Boxcar  
B - Boxcar  
F - Flatcar  
SSy - Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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1. Date in March	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
23	19 B with soldiers, Eberswalde 9 F with trucks and artillery pieces, 17 F with armored personnel carriers	Eberswalde	Neuhausen(?) south of Cottbus
27	20 B with soldiers, Templin 22 F with AT guns, trucks and armored personnel carriers	Templin	Eberswalde -
	15 B with soldiers, Templin 19 F with AT guns, trucks and armored personnel carriers	Templin	Eberswalde -

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
26 March	10 CB, 50 F with soldiers, 22 artillery pieces, 2 mortars, 4 armored scout cars and 40 trucks	Jessen	Peitz

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To		
March 26	9 B, 40 F with soldiers, 20 artillery pieces and 30 loaded trucks	Elsterwerda	Peitz	3	
	12 B, 24 F with soldiers, equipment and trucks	Cottbus	Neuzelle	)	
27	50 loaded cars	Fuerstenberg	"		
	54 " " 56 cars with soldiers, artillery pieces and trucks	Fuerstenwalde Cottbus	" "		
28	12 B, 29 F with soldiers, track-laying vehicles and trucks	Cottbus	Peitz	)	
	9 B, 34 F with soldiers and trucks	Koenigswusterhausen	Neuzelle		
	13 B, 42 F with soldiers, 16 artillery pieces and about 30 trucks	Neuzelle	Jueterbog		
	50 cars with soldiers and trucks	Riesa	Neuzelle		3
	10 B, 40 F with soldiers, armored scout cars and trucks	Cottbus	Neuzelle		
	an undetermined number of troop trains	Fuerstenwalde	"		
29	4 B, 7 F with tanks	Neuzelle	Cottbus	)	
	3 B, 34 F, loaded	Cottbus	Neuzelle		
30	52 cars	Kietz	Baruth	)	
31	16 B, 24 F with soldiers and canvas-covered vehicles	Frankfurt/Oder	"		
	45 cars	"	"		4
	12 B, 12 F, probably with tanks	Weisswasser	Cottbus		5
April 1	48 cars	Kroepelin	Brand	6	
	20 B, 30 F with canvas-covered vehicles	Frankfurt/Oder	Baruth	4	
2	4 B, 5 SSy with tanks	Weisswasser	Cottbus	5	
	2 B, 6 F with SP guns	Cottbus	Neuzelle	3	
4	4 B, 8 SSy with tanks	Frankfurt/Oder	Cottbus	3	

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3. On 27 and 28 March, 18 troop trains were dispatched from Guben and Lieberose. The movement included 2 trains to Klausdorf, 5 trains to Bernau, 5 trains to Eberswalde, 5 trains to Freienwalde and 1 train to Grunow.<sup>1</sup> On 4 and 5 April, 2 troop trains were to go from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Frankfurt/Oder and 3 trains from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Kuestrin. (?)

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4. Troop trains on 31 March, 1 and 2 April included:

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March 31	13 CB, 1 B, 43 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Hoppegarten
April 1	11 CB, 1 B, 18 F	Peitz	Jueterbog
	8 CB, 2 B, 26 F	"	"
	13 CB, 34 F	"	Forst Zinna
	12 CB, 36 F	"	Wuensdorf
	11 CB, 32 F	"	"
2	6 CB, 24 F	"	"
	8 CB, 2 B, 22 F	Cottbus Railroad District	Luckenwalde

5. Troop trains which were to go from Jueterbog-Altes Lager on 2 and 4 April included a train of 10 CB, 3 B, 47 F on 2 April; and a train of 13 CB, 2 B, 44 F another train of 12 CB, 3 B, 45 F, and a third train of 6 CB, 4 B, 26 F on 3 April.

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1. Comment. The troop trains carried units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and 71st Light Arty Brig which participated in the winter field exercises of the division in the Cottbus area.

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2. Comment. The troop trains probably carried units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and/or 6th Gds Mecz Div which returned from firing practice at Templin.

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3. Comment. Other reports indicated that 11 troop trains were dispatched from Altengrabow, Ruegen Island and the area of the Third Gds Mecz Army to the Grunow area on 25, 26 and 27 March 1955.

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The above information and the present report lead to the assumption that a command-post exercise of the GSFG with contingents of all mechanized armies participating was held in the area of the Lieberose troop training grounds in and after late March 1955. Since the first return shipments were already observed while the last units were still coming in, it is believed that the maneuver was a short-term field exercise which was repeated at least two times.

4. Comment. The troop trains possibly carried components of the 32d AAA Div. On 21, 22 and 23 March 1955, 14 troop trains with contingents of the 34th Arty Div were dispatched to the Baruth area.

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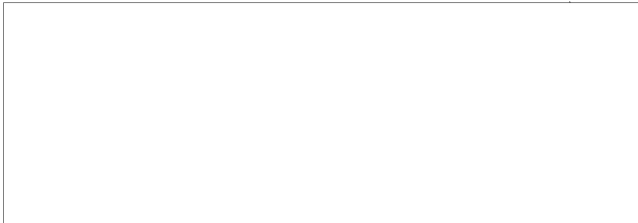
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5.  Comment. The troop trains probably carried tank firing details of the 9th Mecz Div which returned from the Weisswasser troop training grounds.
9.  Comment. The troop train probably carried an air force unit from Brand airfield which returned from firing practice at Wustrow. The movement to Wustrow has not been observed.

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